

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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after the title of the invention, insert:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention:--

line 1, change "fibre" to --fiber--;

line 2, change "fibre" to --fiber--;

line 3, change "It" to --The present invention--;

after line 4, insert:

--2. Description of Background Art:--

line 15, after "board" insert --,--;

line 16, change "fibre" to --fiber--;

line 17, change "fibres" to --fibers--;

line 26, change "fibre" to --fiber--;

line 29, change "fibres" to --fibers--.

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line 9, change "fibres" to --fibers--;

after line 10, insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

line 12, change "fibre" to --fiber--;
line 17, change "fibre" to --fiber--;
line 19, change "fibres" to --fibers--;
line 25, change "fibre" to --fiber--;
line 30, change "fibre" to --fiber--;
line 32, change "fibre" to --fiber--.

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line 1, change "fibre" to --fiber--;
line 6, after "across" insert --a--;
line 16, change "fibre" to --fiber--;
line 20, change "fibre" to --fiber--;
after line 22, insert:

--Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

line 26, change "fibre" to --fiber--;

line 30, change "fibre" to --fiber--;

after line 30, insert:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--;

line 32, change "fibre" to --fiber--.

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line 2, after "at" insert --an--;

line 6, change "fibres" to --fibers--;

line 7, change "fibres" to --fibers--;

line 21, change "fibres" to --fibers--;

line 24, change "fibre" to --fiber--;

line 26, change "fibre" to --fiber--;

line 29, change "fibres" to --fibers--.

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line 1, change "fibres" to --fibers--;

line 3, change "fibres" to --fibers--;

line 5, change "nut" to --mat--;

line 6, change "fibre" to --fiber--;

line 16, change "fibres" to --fibers--;

line 25, change "fibres" to --fibers--;

line 29, change "fibre" to --fiber--.

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after line 3, insert:

--The invention being thus described, it will be obvious that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be obvious to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following claims:

--12. A non-woven mat of inorganic fiber, comprising:

said mat having a substance weight/unit area varying in a cross direction; and

at least one edge margin of said mat is of lower substance than the remainder of said mat.

13. The mat according to claim 12, wherein opposed edge margins of said mat are of lower substance than the remainder of said mat.

14. A method of making a non-woven mat of inorganic fiber having a substance weight/unit area varying in a cross direction, at least